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Inventor: Carol Horan
Title: Decorative Clasp System
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Dear Mr. Reese:

The enclosed Reply to Office Action Summary is hereby respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action Summary issued on April 29, 2005 (Confirmation No. 3094), which is related to the above referenced application.

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If you require additional information regarding this Reply to Office Action Summary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted so that such information can be provided.

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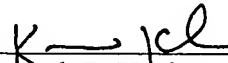
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

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Sir:

This Reply to Office Action Summary (the "Reply") is filed by Carol Horan (the "Applicant") with respect to U.S. patent application no. 10/781,579 (the "Application") and in reply to the Office Action Summary mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "Office") on April 29, 2005 (the "Action").

1. The Applicant provisionally elects Species IV, which are directed to the embodiment of the invention illustrated and described in connection with FIG. 4A through FIG. 4C of the Application.

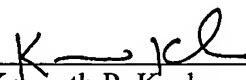
2. Claims 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, and 23 read on the provisionally elected Species IV set forth in paragraph 1, above. It is to be noted that claims 14 and 16 also read on the provisionally elected Species IV, as features may be modified in the manner

described in the written description. For example, the cavities illustrated in FIG. 4A through FIG. 4B may be positioned on the inner surfaces of the joining members (see Specification, p. 20, lines 13-17; p. 27, lines 8-20), as provided in claim 14, and may be adapted to receive ends and other ends that are approximately square or rectangular in shape (see Specification, p. 27, line 25 through p. 28, line 4), as provided in claim 16.

3. The requirement for election set forth in the Action is hereby traversed for the following reasons. First, it is respectfully submitted that although the species may be patentably distinct, they are related. For example, all of the species comprise jewelry that is designed to accomplish the purpose of connecting decorative lengths of material that may also be worn separately. It is also respectfully submitted that it is apparent to a person of reasonable skill in the relevant art that the various species may operate together in the sense that multiple species may be used in conjunction with multiple lengths of decorative material. Finally, it is respectfully submitted that because all of the species act as an item of jewelry that serves to connect decorative lengths of material, a search for one species will suffice for the others.

Respectfully submitted,

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